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SUBJ: INTRODUCTION OF R-500 VISA MACHINE RIBBON

FOR EUR/ SOV, SCA/ SCS

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1. EMBASSY WISHES TO ALERT DEPARTMENT AND INS THAT SOME SOVIET VISITORS TO US IN FIRST WEEKS AFTER APRIL 1, 1973 WILL BEAR VISAS PRINTED BY OLD R-400 RIBBON, ALTHOUGH DATED AFTER APRIL 1. AS EMBASSY EXPLAINED IN ITS JANUARY 26, 1973 OM TO SCA/ VO (VISAS: NIV MACHINE NUMBERING UNIT), FOR REASONS OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENIENCE POST TRADITIONALLY PLACES BLANK VISA STAMP IN SOVIET PASSPORTS ON THEIR RECEIPT FROM MFA, AND INSERTS OTHER DATA, INCLUDING DATE, ON RECEIPT DEPARTMENT'S VISA AUTHORIZATION TEN OR TWENTY DAYS LATER.

2. EMBASSY ACCORDINGLY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT TO ADVISE INS THAT CERTAIN U. S. VISAS IN SOVIET PASSPORTS DURING INITIAL PHASE OF OPERATION MAY NOT BE STAMPED WITH R-500 RIBBON. IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF ANY SOVIET OFFICIAL WERE DETAINED AT US ENTRY POINT ON GROUND HIS US VISA DATED AFTER APRIL 1 APPEARED COUNTERFEIT (I. E., DID NOT FLUORESCENCE).
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